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ENSINGTON WORK OPENED

everal years ago the Comity Coun- allocated to the Congregational omination the territory which lies ediately north of Berkeley in the district, commonly known as Ken- ton Heights. A year ago the ncil added some additional terri- in the very north end of the city Berkeley. For various reasons it ed unwise to begin work up to the sent time, but now we are having joy of this splendid new enter- e. The Bay Association, from the me on its invested funds, has ted a commodious house at 264 ington Avenue, and is fitting it up h tables, chairs, blackboards, and sical instruments. It is to be known the Arlington Avenue Fellowship se. The North Congregational rch of Berkeley is cooperating, l its pastor, Rev. E. W. Benedict, l be the pastoral counsellor. The ector of the neighborhood house l be Mr. John H. Gregg, a student Pacific School of Religion, and for- rly the superintendent of the Sun- School at Westwood Hills, Los geles.

The first major activity of the house l be a Sunday School, which will n within a week or two. The build- will also be available for club etings and community gatherings.

A survey of the neighborhood shows rly two hundred children whose rents have expressed a keen interst l a willingness to send them to the nday School. The district is far ough removed from the churches of rkeley and El Cerrito to prevent erlapping and competition. Mr. egg will live at the house, and will glad to greet any of our Congre- tional friends who may like to call d see what is being done.

CONFERENCE ROGRAM PLANNED

Arrangements for the program of e State Conference, to be held in rkeley October 25-27, are practical- complete. The sermon will be eached by Rev. N. W. Pendleton of dwood City, and the communion rvice conducted by Rev. O. W. S. Call of Berkeley. Rev. C. C. Mer- l, secretary of the Commission on ssions, and Rev. Herbert D. Rugg, charge of publicity for the Nation- Council, will be present as speakers d leaders of conferences.

For the most part the program will in the nature of forums and dis- ssions with careful preparation by airmen and a group of assistants r each period. The subjects to be scussed are: Our Economic Debacle; rime and Lawlessness; Present-Day fe Giving Experiences; and the find- gs of the committee on Social Re- tions, revealing the attitude of lay- en toward church resolutions.

There will be one Conference Din- r, for men and women. The regis- ation fee will be $1.00 as in years st. The committee on program nsists of: Rev. W. W. Furze, Mod- rator, Mrs. W. W. Ferrier, and Rev. awrence Wilson.

DOLLARS DO COUNT

Just one Dollar! No more, no less, from every Congregationalist, woman, man, youth, girl, boy! A great democracy of sharing! A procession of shining dollars to wipe out the deficit and to put to flight Depression, Discouragement and Defeat!

Pacific readers know the story. A deficit of $459,000 carried over on January first because of the shrinkage in benevolence giving for 1931. ($5,000 of this deficit carried by our own Conference.) Foreign missionaries being brought home—68 of them, or one-tenth of our total force. To some of these workers it means the break-up of their life work just at the time of greatest effectiveness. Six mission stations and six institutions closed. In the Home field, budgets reduced by one-fifth. Appropriations to our home missionaries curtailed even when this appropriation is the only regular salary received. The budget of our own Conference brought down to a level which makes it impossible to aid some of our churches that are engaged in a life-and-death struggle.

Here are some flashes from the field:

Rev. Henry C. McDowell, Galangue, West Africa:

The economic situation very seriously affected the income of the native church, making it impossible for them to meet their pledges in full. Last season corn was selling for 5c a bushel and other things in proportion.

Rev. H. W. Robinson, Paotingfu:

We hear from all quarters of the trying conditions in America and we know that there must be many calls for help. We can't want to be selfish, but we do hope that you will be able to continue your good work for surely these are days of golden opportunities in China.

Mrs. Emmons E. White, Madura, India:

Sunday afternoon a man who has worked for nineteen years in our Mission came to see me. I cannot get the sight of his face out of my mind. His wife has received no salary since August. He has foregone both his November and December salary. Now in the light of the further cut, his work is to be stopped! At this time of year it is impossible for him to get Government work.

The Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief has been compelled to make a second cut of 5 per cent in their grants to aged ministers and their widows since the first of the year. This in spite of the fact that many of these pensioners have lost what little savings they had and their relatives, because of unemployment, are unable to care for them.

A California pastor asks: "Is there anything the Conference can do to help my people? They will probably be compelled to forego the promising of any definite salary. I do not want to desert them, and yet I must meet my expenses."

There are many other distressing appeals, but space forbids recounting them.

There is a remedy. A Plan within the reach of us all. Who of us cannot put into a coin card 10 cents a week for ten weeks, the price of two telephone calls, or one ice cream soda, or the postage on three and a third letters, or a half gallon of gasoline. Children and young people can do it. The young people of our Asilomar Conference spent $20.00 a day (10 cents each) at the candy counter. We are asking only 10 cents a week for ten weeks to meet the world's needs.

There are 19,000 members of Congregational Churches in our Conference, and many boys and girls who will be glad to cooperate. Think what can be done!!!

The Plan? Attractive coin cards, each with spaces for ten dimes, are ready for distribution—one to a person. Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, Presidents of women's organizations, Presidents and Counsellors of Young People's Societies, have all heard about the plan. Pastors will order coin cards and explanatory leaflets directly from the Conference office and distribute them by mail or through the meetings of the various departments of the church. Every one is urged to cooperate, and to bring the coin card back to the church in time to be sent to the State Conference meeting October 25-27, with the church delegates. At the State Conference a great offering of Consecration will be made when cards and money will be turned in.

Churches that simply cannot meet their apportionment otherwise, may count their gifts on the Dollar Plan. The proceeds will be divided among the various home and foreign board according to the regular scale of percentages.

AN EXTRA GIFT. AN EXTRA LIFT. A BURDEN TO NONE, AND A JOY TO ALL.

AMMUNITION

The latest, most concise and dependable compendium of facts on the Prohibition question is published by the Allied Drys in a very convenient and inexpensive booklet. Mr. W. G. Calderwood, who has been a life-long student on the liquor problem and an authority than whom there is no greater, is the author. Pastors and lay people who desire to meet the wet argument with facts will find this invaluable. They can be secured through the Conference office at 10c per single copy, $1.00 a dozen, $2.00 for twenty-five, $3.75 for fifty, or $7.00 per hundred.

CAUTION!!!

All persons interested in the Prohibition cause should exercise extreme care in the purchase of so-called Dry or Temperence stickers and stamps. The rumor has reached this office that our people are being hoodwinked by telephone solicitation for the purchase of stickers for the cause of true temperance, but which in reality goes for the support of the wets. In addition to this, there is a solicitation going on by phone and through the churches for stamps and stickers advertising the dry cause which seem to be published by private parties for the profit that can be made. We suggest that before making any such purchases our people investigate and find out whether the responsible temperance and prohibition organizations are behind it.

SAN DIEGO OFFERS HOSPITALITY

The Rev. George Arthur Buttrick, D. D., minister of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, N. Y., has been secured as the leading speaker for the third biennial session of the Pacific Slope Congregational Congress, to be held in the First Congregational Church, San Diego, Cailf., October 4 to 6, 1932.

Dr. Buttrick will give three addresses on the subjects:

The Deeper Function of the Church.
This Thing Called Freedom.
The Gospel for Today.

REV. GEORGE A. BUTTRICK D.D.

Dr. Buttrick is one of the most noted preachers in the nation, and is also pastor of the largest parish organization of any church in the United States. The annual budget for the operation of the church is $190,000. In addition, contributions for missions last year were $64,000.

Rev. Carl S. Patton, D. D., Moderator of the National Council, Rev. Theodore G. Soares of Pasadena, Rev. L. W. Fifield of Plymouth Church, Seattle, Bishop Charles Edward Locke of the Methodist Church, Rev. Raymond B. Walker of Portland, Rev. Kerrison Juniper of San Francisco, Professor William Frederic Bade of Berkeley, combine to make the program of high inspirational order.

There will be three discussion hours in which members of the Congress can have their say. President Edmunds of Pomona College will be the leader on "Christian Education." Rev. Fred F. Goodsell will preside over the sessions on "Missions in the Crucible," and Rev. Charles C. Merrill will discuss "Relating the Churches to our Missionary Enterprises."

Pastors and churches of the San Diego area have their program for entertainment well along, but desire to know how many are coming. Northrn California will probably be represented by a number of automobile loads.

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ASILOMAR 1932

"Asilomar, 1932" marked another milestone in our steady progress toward the expansion, strengthening and enrichment of the Young People's program of our State Conference. Numbers? Yes, we had numbers. Despite Old Man Depression we registered a total of 251, (including faculty, students, and counsellors) a net increase of 52 over last year's registration of 199. Of the total, 222 were young people, divided as follows: Girls 133, Boys 89; College Age 113, High School 109. (We will say that "Jimmie" Price did a fine job in promotion.)

More important than numbers was the spirit and morale of the Conference. This was of a high order, marked by fine cooperation between students, faculty, counsellors and administration. The Camp Council, under the able leadership of the president, Carleton Peck, functioned democratically and wisely in meeting those problems of camp life and discipline that inevitably arise. The Council, composed of delegates from the tent houses, together with the Director and Deans, becomes increasingly the competent and respected organ of self-government for the Conference.

The Class curriculum was challenging and stimulating, and the faculty, made up largely of pastors of our own churches, did their work in constructive and interesting fashion. There was no dogmatic indoctrination; the range of vision of our young people was widened, they were taught to see the modern social, intellectual and religious world in all its confusion and uncertainty, and to think for themselves. Yet the claims of Christ, and the challenge to everyday Christian living were not neglected. At the beautiful and impressive Communion service which climaxed the Conference, many a delegate spoke in deep sincerity of visions gained, ideas clarified, ideals strengthened and purposes for more faithful Christian living determined.

A quiet conference on the whole—very little friction, less noise, perhaps, than in former years—but quiet waters run deep. Already the results of the Conference are being felt in our local churches as the delegates make their reports and plan for the year's work. And already plans for "Asilomar 1933" are under way!

In conclusion, just a word of hearty appreciation for Dr. Noel J. Breed, popular and efficient Director of the Conference, for all members of the staff, for the members of the Conference Committee on Religious Education, and for all who contributed in any way to the success of Asilomar this year. They have their reward in the sense of a task well done, and in the joy of fellowship in service.

RALPH C. WADDELL,
Chairman, Conf. Com. on Religious Education.

DOLLAR PLAN BOOSTED BY Y. P.

That the young people of our Conference intend to get behind the Dollar Plan is evidenced by the action taken at the annual business meeting of the young people at Asilomar. The following resolutions were passed:

1. That we urge our Young People's Societies to include in their study program the world service enterprises of the Congregational Church, especially the Young People's Projects as adopted in 1931.

2. That we urge our societies to support our world service enterprise financially, either by individual pledge through the local church, or by a society pledge, or both.

3. That the "Dollar Plan" be used this fall in our societies to help support our regular world service work.

Young People's gifts to the Dollar Plan may apply on the opportionment of their church and may also be credited to the projects: Doctors Vincent and Grace Wagner in China, Blanche Kellogg Institute in Puerto Rico, and Miss Mary Coxhead, worker among the Modoc Indians.

YOUNG PEOPLE DECIDE

Rev. J. H. Bennett of Campbell, who served on the faculty of the recent Young People's Conference at Asilomar, sends us an interesting side light on the thinking of our young people. Out of a list of twenty-two problems his class chose six of major importance after three days time in which to think over their selection. These six major problems are as follows:

1. To build up a moral and ethical code necessary for Christian youth.
2. To consider the relationship of science to our practices and beliefs.
3. To discover for yourself just what the religion of Jesus is.
4. To understand the relationship of the sexes in a wholesome social life.
5. To undertake to make the younger people's organizations more effective.
6. To determine the choice of a life work.

HOLMES IN HAWAII

Northern California Congregationalists will be glad to learn of the work being done by Rev. J. C. Holmes, formerly of Santa Rosa, and for several years the director of the Young People's Conference. His preaching schedule is as follows:

On the first Sunday of the month he speaks at a large Japanese Church in Honolulu in the morning and before a mixed national group in Wailua in the evening. On the second Sunday he preaches at the Hawaiian Church, then speaks at a boys' industrial school and sometimes in the evening for five minutes at a moving picture show at the plantation and closes the day at a Filipino church. On the third Sunday he visits white, Japanese, Filipino and Hawaiian Sunday Schools, telling stories to the children, perhaps listening to an Hawaiian sermon, and in the evening speaks before a mixed national group. On the fourth Sunday he is at the Hawaiian Church in the morning and the Japanese Church in the evening. During the week he has a Bible class one evening and two other evenings he teaches English to a group of Japanese men and women, among whom are Buddhist priests. He is probation officer for Waialua and president of the improvement club of that place. Friends will be glad to know that Mrs. Holmes' health is much improved.

NEW BOOK CLUB

Selections of books have been made for the Pastors' Book Club for the coming year. The committee making the choice of titles consisted of Rev. Lawrence Wilson, Rev. John R. Hahn, and Rev. E. T. Sherman. After two notices had gone to the pastors, a total of 36 ministers signed up and the list is now closed. The titles are as follows:

1. Fosdick. As I See Religion.
2. Willett. The Jew Through the Centuries.
3. Tittle. The Foolishness of Preaching.
4. Harris. Twenty-One.
5. Nixon. The Moral Crisis in Christianity.
6. Thomas. As I See It.
7. Barry. Christianity and the New World.
8. McCall. Uses of Literature in the Pulpit.
9. McGiffert. Jonathan Edwards.

The order which appears above will be the order in which the books will follow each other, i. e. after book No. 9 will come book No. 1, etc. The first copies will be mailed about the 15th of September.

M. E. HALL IN CALIFORNIA

Rev. Marion E. Hall of Japan, who so delighted the churches of the Santa Clara Association with his series of addresses a year ago, has been called home on account of the shrinkage in the American Board Budget, with Mrs. Hall and their son, who will arrive in San Francisco September 12th. Before returning to his old home in the east, he will speak at a number of our churches, showing pictures of Japan. The schedule as now arranged is as follows:

Tuesday evening, September 13—Palo Alto.

Wednesday evening, September 14—San Francisco First.

Thursday evening, September 15—Santa Cruz.

Friday evening, September 16—San Mateo.

Sunday evening, September 18—San Jose.

HAYNES ORDAINED

In the last issue of The Pacific mention was made of the examination for ordination of Mr. E. G. Brinkmeyer and Mr. E. V. Haynes, and the ordination of the former. On Sunday, June 12th, a committee of the Council met at the Northbrae Community Church and proceeded with the ordination of Mr. Haynes. Prof. George P. Hedley of Pacific School of Religion preached the sermon, Rev. T. T. Giffen gave the charge to the congregation and Prof. Chester C. McCown gave the charge to the candidate. Rev. Harley H. Gill offered the ordination prayer and Prof. George T. Tolson gave the right hand of fellowship. Mr. Haynes will continues with the Northbrae Community Church as Director of Religious Education.

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 15. Santa Clara Association. Santa Cruz.
Sept. 23. Modoc Association. Alturas.
October 4-5-6. Pacific Slope Congress. First Church, San Diego.
October 25-26-27. Northern California Congregational Conference, First Church, Berkeley.

The Annual Meeting of the California State Church Federation will be held in Los Angeles Tuesday, September 27th. Its membership includes the members of the Executive Committee and one minister and one lay member for each two thousand church members in the affiliated denominations.

FRANK W. HODGDON

The Rev. Frank Wilbert Hodgdon, D. D., died Monday, June 12, 1932, at the home of his daughter, Priscilla Hodgdon Campbell (Mrs. George L. Campbell) ,Center Ossipee, N. H. His sixty-fourth birthday would have come the next day.

Dr. Hodgdon came to California in 1925 after a long and distinguished ministry in Michigan, New Jersey, Iowa and Massachusetts. He held many high positions in the denomination and was campaign director for the Pilgrim Memorial Fund in several of the New England states, where a third of the entire amount was raised. For several years he was with the Pacific School of Religion, and while there greatly endeared himself to the young men of that institution. Both Dr. and Mrs. Hodgdon gave of themselves freely and effectively to the churches of our fellowship in Northern California, he with his preaching and she with her ministry of music. In the spring of 1930 he was compelled to give up his work in Berkeley on account of serious illness, since which time he has devoted himself to the recovery of his health, but without success. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Hodgdon. A great company of people throughout our denomination join with her in sorrow over his going, but in appreciation of the conspicuous service which he rendered.

MRS. MARY KELLY

Mrs. Mary Kelly, wife of Rev. J. Joseph Kelly, passed away at her home at Soquel on Saturday, August 6th, after an illness of more than a year. She was born in Canada, but moved to Michigan. After spending some years teaching, she went to Albion, New York, where she was joined in marriage to Mr. Kelly, twenty-two years ago. For fifty years she was active in W. C. T. U. work and in the church. Hundreds of parishioners in the various churches where Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have served have felt the love and devotion which she always so unselfishly revealed. Her influence on little children has been especially fine and beautiful. Two years ago, on account of ill health, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly retired from active service. Mr. Kelly will continue to make his home at Soquel.

STANLEY JONES' NEW BOOK

Stanley Jones, in his latest book, "The Christ of the Mount," shows that he really believes the Sermon on the Mount. He does not eliminate or explain away, or tone down those difficult passages about "turning the other cheek," "going the second mile," refusing not the borrower, perfection of character, and the Golden Rule. He not only believes the Sermon on the Mount, but believes it is entirely practical,—and accepts it. The book is a simple, sincere, inspiring, suggestive, devotional commentary on the teachings of Jesus as found in Chapters 5 to 7 of Matthew. It will give ministers seed thoughts for many sermons. It will answer questions for young people about the workability of Christianity. It will furnish material for meditation and devotions of laymen. It is a book to give and a book to keep. The Abingdon Press publishes it at the price of $1.50.

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NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

PORT CHICAGO—During the summer, Mr. R. L. Cramer, pastor, and his mother, Mrs. J. L. Carpenter, conducted a splendid Vacation Church School, with an enrollment of 138. This included 24 children from Clyde and Nichols. Of the total number, 77 were from the Congregational church, 10 from the Catholic, 14 from the Lutheran, and 27 unaffiliated. Out of the total of 20 children in Clyde, 16 came to the Port Chicago school. Cooperation on the part of adult leaders was very encouraging. At the close of the school the Legion Hall was crowded with visitors to see what had been accomplished.

Later in the summer a school enrolling 24 was held at Avon.

OAKLAND. FRUITVALE—A Vacation School of 47 enrolled was successfully conducted during the summer. Over a hundred people attended the evening program at its close. As a result of the activities of the Christian Endeavor Society, a new maple floor has been installed in Wetherbee Hall and the stage front has been rebuilt. Forty-five young people were in attendance on a recent Sunday evening, and are showing a great interest in the work. Mr. James E. Boyd, the pastor, and his wife, are the proud parents of a new baby boy.

SAN FRANCISCO. UNITED CHURCH—Since the withdrawal of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, the Grace Methodist and the Bethany-Mission Park Congregational Churches are continuing under the name of the United Church of the Mission. Rev. Joseph C. Carpenter has been appointed as pastor. The church will probably call a Director of Religious Education and Young People's work in the near future. The congregations are moving forward unitedly and enthusiastically.

MODOC INDIAN—Miss Mary Coxhead attended the Asilomar M. E. M. Conference. During the last half of July she was again at work in her large field. Her summary shows that she drove over a thousand miles, took Indians to the dentist and the hospital, visited the sick, preached four times, and distributed groceries and flour in behalf of the government and the Red Cross.

ALAMEDA—The Young People who attended the Asilomar conference were in charge of the Sunday evening service following their return, reporting the marvelous experiences which had been theirs in the Conference. Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, and his family spent their vacation at Boulder Creek.

SAN FRANCISCO. RICHMOND—This church, which is federated with the Asbury Methodist Church, has a new pastor, Rev. R. C. Stahl. Mr. Stahl has both Methodist and Congregational training, and brings to the task qualities which are finding an enthusiastic response in both groups.

FAIRFAX—A Men's Club has been formed and promises to be a factor in the church and community. The pastor, Rev. James H. Price, was ill while on vacation, but seemed to be his own vigorous self during the conference at Asilomar, where he served as Dean of men.

SAN LEANDRO. BROADMOOR—A splendid vacation school was conducted during June with 86 pupils enrolled and 26 workers assisting. A large congregation was present at the closing exercises. Rev. J. H. McCartney is the pastor.

ADIN — Rev. and Mrs. Westwood Wallace took the lead in a camp conference for young people on Christion Life and Leadership in the early part of June. Twenty-four were in attendance, most of whom came from Adin and Nubieber. Rev. Horton Colbert of Alturas gave a course on the Life of Jesus, Mrs. Westwood Wallace gave one on Chinese Youth Facing its Problems, and Mr. Wallace led a course on Great Decisions in the Days of our Youth. Miss Marjorie Anderson conducted a daily story hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace have been taking their honeymoon trip by auto through the eastern states. They will be back on the field the 15th of September.

CLOVERDALE—The contest in church attendance with Santa Rosa has apparently had a lasting effect. For three months following the close, the attendance was 200% in the morning and 150% in the evening over that of the year before. Four young men have united with the church by confession, and there have been two additions by letter. Thirty-seven young people went to Dillon's Beach for an outing soon after school closed in the spring. The pastor, Rev. Harold S. Davidson, conducted a Vacation Church School and during the spring months a week-day Bible School.

SAN FRANCISCO. OCEAN VIEW—A Vacation Church School was conducted in June, which was larger and better organized than in previous years. The theme was: the Missions of California, culminating in the story of present day home mission work. The church sent a splendid delegation to Asilomar. The annual church picnic was held in Golden Gate Park with 50 in attendance. Two women recently joined the church on confession of faith. Rev. J. D. Salmon is the pastor.

GUERNEVILLE—Congregations for July were almost double those of July a year ago. Ninety percent who attend in the summer are visitors who seem to appreciate the opportunity of worshipping on a Sunday morning. A quartet from the Fairfax Church furnished music on a recent Sunday. Rev. James W. Price and his wife believe in parish work. During July 85 pastoral calls were made.

OAKLAND. FIRST—During the vacation of Rev. F. J. Van Horn, the pastor, the pulpit is being occupied by Rev. Miles H. Krumbine, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church of Cleveland, Ohio. Before coming to Oakland Dr. Krumbine preached in the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles for two Sundays, and was on the staff at Pacific Palisades Conference.

SEBASTOPOL—For the third successive time, the Women's Club took first prize with their apple products display, with 73 different varieties. The Christian Endeavor Society recently presented the pageant by Margaret Slattery entitled "Triumphant Love." Rev. G. E. Atkinson is the pastor.

RENO — This church joined with others in a vacation school with an enrollment of 140. The pastor, Rev. William Moll Case, has been preaching a series of sermons on the various church communions, under such captions as "Why I Would Like To Be a Methodist Parson," "Why I Would Like To Be a Baptist," etc.

BERKELEY. CHINESE — After twenty years or more of service, Dr. B. C. Wong has resigned his leadership of this church. He will continue as a member of the faculty at the University of California, and as a member and worker of the church.

Mr. T. T. Taam, who has been on the faculty of the Hip Wo School, is the new pastor of the church and will attend Pacific School of Religion. He has taken over the work of teaching the Chinese language to the children of the community, as well as the leadership of the church. Mrs. Taam is the daughter of Rev. B. Y. Leang, pastor of our Chinese Church in San Francisco.

PITTSBURG — Evidence of the place which our church holds in the community is found in the fact that 66 per cent of the Junior High graduates last June who were of American parentage are members of our church, and 41 per cent of the entire graduating class of the Senior High are affiliated with it. A reception was given to the graduates on the 12th of June by a committee consisting of heads of the Ladies' Auxiliary, the Eastern Star, Rebekahs, Women's Club, P. T.-A. and other organizations, all of whom are members of the church. Rev. C. C. Champlin is the pastor.

CROCKETT — A Vacation School averaging about a hundred in attendance was conducted during the month of June. At least 50% of the children were from homes outside of those reached by the church and a majority of these were from foreign races. The Crockett church supported the school financially. The only offering taken was for missionary work. Miss Mary E. Hunt also conducted a school at Rodeo during July. Rev. R. W. Caughey is the pastor.

LOOMIS—Rev. Edmund Owens has resigned as pastor of this church and has removed to Lincoln, California, where he will make his home. Mr. Owens has suffered a great deal from ill health during his pastorate, but has carried on the various activities of the churches in spite of it. The church closed its doors during the summer, and has not yet made a selection of a new pastor.

SAN CARLOS—During the absence of the pastor, Rev. Reed B. Cherington, the activities of the church were directed by the deacons, with laymen filling the pulpit. Mr. Cherington served as staff chaplain at the National Guard camp at San Luis Obispo.

SOQUEL — This church became vacant in June and at once asked Rev. W. E. Eckles to supply for the summer. Since Mr. Eckles' coming there has been a great growth of interest in the church, with splendid congregations and fine attendance at young peoples meetings.

PRICES REDUCED

The following books from the Pastors' Book Clubs of the past two years are on hand and will be sold for half price to anyone who may desire them. The authors, titles and prices follow:

Morrow. Tiger, Tiger	$1.25
Moffatt. Day Before Yesterday	1.00
Andrews. Mahatma Gandhi's Ideas	1.50
King. Behaviorism, a Battle Line	1.13
Barbour. Sin and the New Psychology	1.00
Ward. Which Way Religion	1.00
Regester. Albert Schweitzer	.75
Jeans. Mysterious Universe	1.13
Fiske. Recovery of Worship	1.25
Glover. Influence of Christ in the Ancient World	.75

HIP WO SCHOOL

The Chinese Hip Wo School in San Francisco has opened its work for the new year. More than 200 children are enrolled, which represents quite an increase over that of last year. In commenting on the work of the school, Mr. T. T. Taam who was formerly on the faculty and is now leader of our Berkeley Chinese Church writes as follows:

"The question of how to present Jesus as attractively and as impressively as possible, to this group of young people, is indeed a difficult one; for most of the students attending Hip Wo School are native born citizens of the United States and at the same time they are quartered exclusively in Chinatown. They acquired a mixed culture of both materialism and conservatism. It is not an easy task to change their fixed point of view. We try hard to give the correct ideas of God as revealed in the Bible and in the experiences of men. The pictures we make of Christ in our efforts to teach the pupils are such that will win their admiration as well as their faith, love, worship and their everlasting allegiance. 'Students of today will be the leaders of tomorrow.'

"Chapel services are held twice a week, at which time a worship period of song, prayer and Scripture is given. The Chinese pastors from different Chinese churches in the city, prominent persons and teachers, bring the messages of the vesper hour. Bible classes and study groups are being organized among the students in order that they may understand more about the teaching of Christ."

THE GUEST BOOK FOR 1932

As is appropriate for this particular year, the Guest Book this fall is smaller both in number of pages and in size of page. However, it is large enough so that twenty-one workers in state fields, in national home fields and in foreign fields are visited. The book is called, "A Journey of Discovery," because instead of having the missionaries come to us we go to them. This is not only a change from preceding years, but it gives a chance for even greater variety and freshness in treatment. The Guest Book has come to be recognized as a chief element in the fall world service program in our churches. Upon it we can build sermons, missionary meetings, Sunday School lessons, mission study classes, pageants, etc. The first point is to get it into every home where it can be read day by day. The period suggested this year corresponds closely with that suggested last year, namely, October 16-November 6, but it is so arranged that any time is suitable for its use. Soon after September 1, a sample copy will reach every pastor, following which orders should be sent to the usual offices, state or national, as suits your convenience, for the number of copies you need. There are enough to go around if none is wasted. The edition is two hundred and twenty-five thousand.

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MRS. CAL. RANCHER AND THE DOLLAR PLAN

"Yes, Cal, I've changed my mind about the Dollar Plan and I'll tell you why," said Mrs. California Rancher to her husband as she finished giving her mashed potatoes an extra beating.

"No," she continued, "I wasn't at all in favor of the plan at first, for with everything apparently against the rancher, as it has been the last few years, I couldn't figure out how we could give a cent to missions, let alone getting along ourselves and making ends meet at home.

"First, you know, that frost three years ago wiped out everything, then the years following we had big crops but no prices. Think of it, only 5c a pound for cots this year, and peaches even less, while heavens know what prunes will bring, little enough anyway. It certainly does look bad, with every other ranch around here mortgaged or sold over its owner's head. Then, all of a sudden as I was thinking about the hard times we were all having, out went the electric lights. I had to climb up on a kitchen chair and take down the old kerosene lamps I keep filled for just such an emergency, and how hard it was getting supper and cleaning up by the dull old yellow light!

"Then when we sat down to read, —well, I just didn't try to read, but did some good hard thinking instead.

"What changes we have seen on this old ranch, Cal, in ten years! When we first came out here from New England, nothing but kerosene lamps, and if we broke a chimney and had forgotten to have another on hand, why it was just too bad, that was all, but we were just one lamp short. And you know how careful I was about letting the children carry them about for fear they would stub their toes and set the house on fire.

"And now our five little rooms are flooded with electric light every night by just pressing a button. I couldn't help but think about that story in the August 'Missionary Herald,' where it told of the people at Dondi, West Central Africa, waiting to be operated on for cataracts by Dr. Hollenbeck. But it said with only an adobe hut for a hospital and insufficient lighting the multitudes waited in vain. Cal, I got right up in a hurry, sneaked into our bedroom and hunted up the card that collector woman left here. You know the one with ten little empty holes waiting to be filled with dimes for missionaries and their work. Well, I put a dime right into one of those holes as I whispered to myself 'thankful for light.'

"Then other thoughts came rushing in thick and fast. Do you remember, Cal, we couldn't buy milk for love or money the first summer we came out here, and how Grandma tried to make the children eat their cereal with evaporated milk and how they rebelled? Then we found that they would sell us one quart at a neighboring ranch. A few years later we were able to buy it in the town two miles away, but now the milk man brings it right to our door in a nice white car, as clean and pure as one could get anywhere. I had to put another dime in my card when I thought of that, and my first one didn't look so lonely.

"Well, next I got to thinking of the terrible heat of those first summers, 100, 110, even 115 degrees, when we all thought we should die and didn't care much if we did. The butter ran all over everything just like oil, lettuce wilted, in fact we bought it that way for there were no stores which kept fresh fruit or vegetables,—only ten years ago, too.

"How we messed round trying to make some sort of a cooler with a frame and sacking, with water dripping off the top and down the sides and then we had a chance to buy cheap some kind of an old ice cream receptacle and during the hottest days we would get a piece of ice up town, wrap it in newspapers and sacking and rush it home to deposit in that box. Then how I would hunt around in that dark interior—Amen corners I called them—to find a cucumber, tomato or piece of meat that had taken a slide and couldn't be located. But now we have an honest-to-goodness ice chest and the ice man comes to fill it three times a week in the hottest weather.

"By this time, Cal, my dimes were increasing in that card and holding regular cultural conversation classes together, while I was getting more thankful every day for all the blessings I possessed.

"Why, Cal, I couldn't begin to count them all up. Ten years ago we didn't even have a sink, no running water in the house and I washed dishes on the kitchen table (dining room table as well), rushing out to get water around the house when you or the boys weren't there to get it for me.

"Now we have **two** fawcets in the house and our old shed made into a bath room with a real tub and a shower attachment. My, my! How I do appreciate that, Cal, as much as anything in the house, for these hot days when you and the boys have been working out in the blistering sun, running the tractor through clouds of dust or lifting heavy trays of fruit or dipping prunes in hot lye in the cutting shed, isn't it refreshing to jump into the tub before dinner or supper? And after I get through my work after dinner I do the same and life seems worth living again. Some day we'll have hot water, too, I hope, but I am so grateful every day for all the improvements we do have.

"And the radio! What a joy that is to a rancher's family, with the best in music brought into one's home and so many opportunities to come in touch with world wide events. I can't say I was very proud of our two national conventions in Chicago, and I snap off those pesky crooners every time I hear their love-sick moanings. But there is so much that is fine that I can't fuss about the trash.

"But most of all, Cal, I am grateful for you and my splendid, thoughtful children. I haven't given much, ten dimes is very little, but I know they have helped me far more than the people to whom they will go, and I only wish I could keep on putting dimes into cards indefinitely. It certainly has been a privilege to express even in such a small way the gratitude I feel for all the blessings and comforts I enjoy every day.

"So that is how I happened to change my mind, Cal, and fill my card after I said I couldn't and wouldn't. I haven't missed one of those dimes, no, not one, and I am **sure** that it is far 'more blessed to give than to receive'."

Does the Canadian system eliminate bootleggers? Alberta Liquor Board: "Our greatest problem is moonshine." B. C. Board: "As much liquor is sold by bootleggers as by Government stores." Saskatchewan Board: "Bootlegging increased 111% the first year." Dominion Minister of Trade, 1930: "Particularly notable is the increase of conviction for offenses against liquor acts."

SUMMER RECEIPTS FOR BENEVOLENCES

The months of June and July have brought from our churches a total of $5,400 as shown on the accompanying statement. When it is remembered that half of this goes to the national boards, it can be seen that we have not had a very large amount with which to operate the Conference work. Nevertheless, we have been able to meet all bills, appropriations and salaries without borrowing since April, but it has taken a good deal of skillful planning to accomplish it. The Pacific goes to press too early for us to give final figures for August.

	June and July Receipts	Jan. 11 to July 31, 1932
Adin	$ 22.14	$ 62.71
Alameda	75.00	75.00
Alturas	20.00	20.00
Angels Camp	25.00	50.00
Antioch	24.32	24.32
Benicia		25.50
Berkeley:		
First	1290.00	3870.00
North	245.68	605.90
Park	24.65	48.65
Campbell	140.00	140.00
Ceres	75.00	160.00
Cloverdale	25.54	91.87
Cotati	6.75	59.34
Crockett	25.00	76.75
Eureka	10.00	62.78
Fairfax		30.00
Ferndale	95.80	191.56
Fresno, First	50.76	213.26
Grass Valley		10.38
Guerneville	10.00	35.00
Kenwood		14.46
Lodi	130.00	790.00
Loomis		10.00
Martinez	48.48	48.48
Murphys		40.00
Oakland:		
First	1080.00	3338.00
Oakland:		
Olivet		5.15
Pilgrim	10.45	10.45
Plymouth	150.00	600.00
Oroville	25.00	55.00
Pacific Grove	77.85	182.60
Palo Alto	116.85	741.85
Paradise	25.00	75.00
Pescadero		5.00
Petaluma	21.25	281.25
Pittsburg	6.90	41.90
Porterville	18.33	18.33
Redwood City	100.00	296.85
Reno, Nevada	111.13	270.93
Ripon	12.50	32.50
Sacramento	240.00	515.00
Salida		31.00
San Francisco:		
Bethany Mission Park	100.00	210.00
First	50.00	50.00
Ocean View	25.00	25.00
Richmond	12.00	31.00
San Jose	75.00	442.85
San Leandro		69.59
Santa Cruz	150.00	350.00
Santa Rosa	34.30	146.81
Saratoga	175.00	400.00
Sebastopol	24.54	63.04
Sonoma	62.96	62.96
Stockton	324.00	757.33
Suisun		50.00
Sunnyvale	11.80	18.80
Tulare		115.75
Weaverville	13.75	27.50
Woodside	31.50	73.00
Miscellaneous		270.00
TOTAL	$5,429.23	$16,420.40

Rev. C. C. Merrill of the Commission on Missions reports that up to August first the contributions for the Home Boards and the American Board were 2.6 per cent below the closing period of last year. Twenty-one states gained and fifteen lost in their giving.

Here's My Dollar

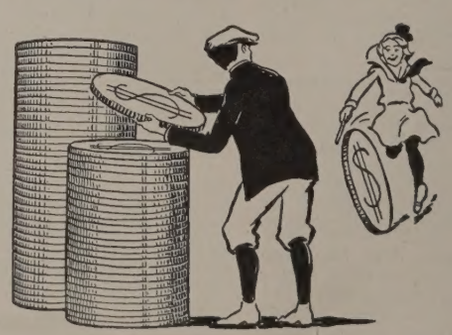
I believe in what Jesus said, that a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things possessed.

I believe that people need the religion of Jesus even more than they need food and clothes.

I am determined that the church shall not be crippled in its ministry in this time of distress.

I am willing to put 10c a week in a coin card for 10 weeks to stop the retreat, so

HERE'S MY DOLLAR



One half million Congregationalists—girls and boys, old and young, women and men, can remove the deficit for 1931, and put to flight Depression, Discouragement and Defeat.

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